

Spring 2000 Wild Turkey Management Zones



State Park Hunting Zones

- 4A Governor Dodge
- 5A Devils Lake
- 10A Wyalusing
- 13A Wildcat Mountain
- 15A Mirror Lake
- 15C Buckhorn (includes wildlife area)

Disabled Only Hunting Zones

- 5B Natural Bridge
- 10B Nelson Dewey
- 11A Belmont Mound
- 12A New Glarus Woods
- 15B Rocky Arbor
- 25A Loew Lake Unit-Kettle Moraine State Forest*

*Contact the Pike Lake DNR office at (414) 670-3400 to receive additional information on youth hunting opportunities in the Loew Lake Unit.

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Focus on Safety

Hunt safely. Always identify your target and follow the tips below. Safe hunting is no accident.

- ◆ Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- ◆ Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler’s head.
- ◆ Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- ◆ When another hunter approaches never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- ◆ Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- ◆ Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- ◆ Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- ◆ Be certain no one is positioned beyond the turkey you are shooting at.

Ask First and Say Thanks!

- ◆ The majority of land within Wisconsin’s turkey management zones is privately owned. Wisconsin landowners appreciate hunters who ask permission to hunt and say thanks afterward. This builds important landowner-hunter trust. Remember, entering private lands without permission is unlawful and creates a bad image for all hunters.
- ◆ A Landowner Appreciation Day envelope is included with each turkey hunting permit. Please consider providing the owner of the property you hunt with a ticket to these banquets.

Pick up litter and keep your hunting grounds healthy!



Attend a *free* Turkey Hunting Clinic.

Learn turkey hunting tactics from experienced turkey hunters.
Contact your local DNR office for a list of clinic dates, times and locations.

Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations Spring 2000



2000 Turkey Stamp design by Terry Doughty

Dear Turkey Hunter,

Thank the private landowner where you hunt!

Use the enclosed pink envelope to make a donation to the Wisconsin Wild Turkey Federation. Your donation will go directly to Landowner Appreciation Days, where it will be used to open, and keep open, thousands of acres of private land to turkey hunting.

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Hunter Selection System

- ◆ **Application Process:** The application deadlines are August 10 for the fall season, and December 10 for the spring season. Applicants must purchase a Special Permit Application (SPA) sticker for the cost of \$3.00, and affix it to completed Turkey Approval Application. SPA stickers and applications are available at any DNR Service Center, ALIS license agent, or by calling toll-free 1-877-945-4236 (you must use Visa or MC; there is a \$3.00 handling fee for this service). Conservation Patron License holders have these application materials provided to them as part of their license.
- ◆ **Landowner Preference:** Resident landowners owning 50 or more contiguous acres within an open wild turkey management zone are eligible for first preference within the zone in which they own land. They may transfer their first preference status to an immediate family member or resident farm operator (as defined on the application).
- ◆ **Cumulative Preference** has been implemented for spring and fall turkey hunting permits. **Spring and fall applications are tracked separately.**
- ◆ **Fort McCoy:** Applications for Fort McCoy spring turkey hunting permits may be obtained by calling 608-388-3337 or by writing to Fort McCoy, no earlier than February 1. Write to: Directorate of Training & Mobilization: AFRC-FM-TMR-B (Permit Sales); 110 E. Headquarters Rd.; Ft. McCoy WI 54656-5226. *Note: You may **not** apply for a Fort McCoy spring turkey permit if you already received approval to hunt turkeys in a Wisconsin turkey hunting zone for the spring 2000 season.*

License Requirements

- ◆ Successful applicants (except Conservation Patron and Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders) must purchase a Spring 2000 Turkey License, and 2000 Turkey Stamp Privilege to hunt turkeys with either firearm or bow. The 2000 Turkey Stamp privilege is valid for both the spring and fall seasons. Resident License—\$11.00, Non-Resident License—\$55.00, Turkey Stamp (privilege)—\$5.25
- ◆ Successful applicants will be mailed a turkey hunting approval, carcass tag, and registration stub indicating the zone and time period for which they are authorized to hunt. These materials must be shown to license agents when purchasing a turkey license. Spring turkey licenses and stamps are not available until mid-March.
- ◆ Residents and non-residents can purchase their license and stamp privilege at any DNR Service Center, ALIS License Agent, or by calling toll-free 1-877-945-4236 (you must use Visa or MC; there is a \$3.00 handling fee for this service). Licenses purchased by phone should be mailed to you within 48 hours.

Turkey Stamp and Carcass Tag

- ◆ Due to the recent implementation of the Automated License Issuance System (ALIS), Turkey Stamp Privilege will be issued in lieu of actual Turkey Stamps. Proof or purchase of the Turkey Stamp Privilege will be printed on the turkey license. If you wish to receive an actual turkey stamp for a collection or for other reasons, these can be acquired at DNR Service Centers only.
- ◆ Hunters must have their turkey license(with stamp privilege), carcass tag, and registration stub in their possession while hunting.
- ◆ It is illegal to transfer a license, carcass tag, or stamp privilege, or allow their use by anyone else.

Assisting Other Hunters

- ◆ You **must** possess a turkey hunting license, stamp and valid, unused carcass tag if you possess a firearm or bow *and*;
 - a) a turkey decoy or calling device, or
 - b) a member of your hunting party possesses a turkey decoy or calling device
- ◆ No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm or bow. However, a guide license is required if a fee is charged.

Special Hunts

- ◆ Loew Lake Unit Novice/Disabled Turkey Hunting: Spring turkey hunting is available for a limited number of first time and class A & C Disabled hunters. For information call (414) 670-3400 or write to: KMSF-Pike Lake, 3544 Kettle Moraine Rd., Hartford, WI 53207
- ◆ Wild Turkey Hunting for People with Disabilities: This hunt will be offered for the first time during the spring 2000 season. Upon successful completion of the application requirements, this opportunity allows a class A or C permit holder to turkey hunt on private land during one of the 6, 5-day time periods in the zone of their choice. For information or an application (Forms 2300-271 and 2300-271A) please contact your local DNR Service Center or Darcy Kind (608) 267-7473, 101 S. Webster St., Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921

Baiting

- ◆ No person shall hunt by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the complete removal of the bait. For more details refer to s. NR 10.12 (1)(h).

Bag Limit

- ◆ The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey per tag issued. A bearded turkey is a turkey with a bristle-like appendage protruding from the upper part of the breast. **Note:** Applicants receiving 2 tags may harvest 2 turkeys on the same day *only if* both tags are for the same time period.

Other Restrictions

- ◆ You may **not** hunt turkeys:
 - 1. By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, or a bow and arrow.
 - 2. With shotshells loaded with shot **larger** than:
 - ✗ no. 2 steel
 - ✗ no. 4 lead or
 - ✗ other no. 4 non-steel shot
 - 3. With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
 - 4. With the aid of dogs.
 - 5. With live decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.
 - 6. With the aid of bait.

Tagging, Transport and Possession

- ◆ Upon killing a turkey, immediately validate the carcass tag by cutting the slit corresponding to the day of kill; then attach and seal the tag to the featherless part of the turkey’s leg.
- ◆ You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.

Registration

- ◆ Bring your tagged turkey and registration stub (attached to the carcass tag) to a designated registration station no later than 5:00 p.m. the day after it is killed. An additional registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten.

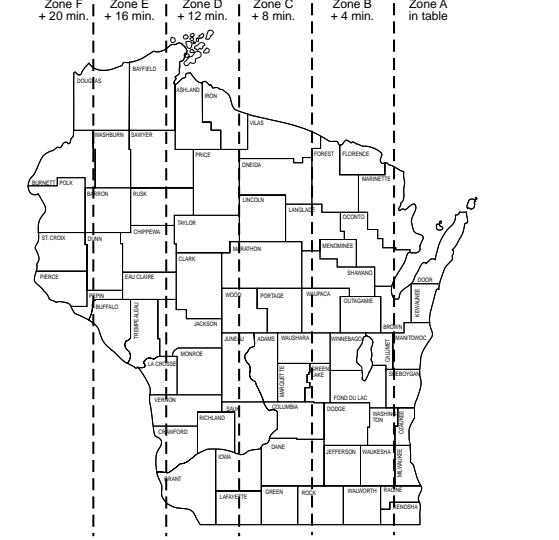
Turkey Hunter Education

- ◆ Learn turkey biology and behavior, turkey hunting methods, regulations, safety precautions, landowner-hunter ethics and information on in-depth hunting techniques, scoring trophy birds, with additional safety information and ideas on how to prepare your bird. These **FREE Turkey Hunting Education Clinics** will be held around the state during February and March and are sponsored by the Wisconsin DNR and the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Plan on attending one in your area and either brush-up on your skills or learn new techniques to bag that elusive long-beard.

Hunting Hours

- ◆ Spring turkey hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m. each day. Wisconsin’s hunting time zones are shown below.
- ◆ To determine the opening (a.m.) time for all zones except “A,” add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone-A time listed in the table. The closing time for all zones is 5:00 p.m.

Hunting Time Zones



Season Dates & Opening Times for Zone A

① April 12 5:45 a.m. April 13 5:44 a.m. April 14 5:42 a.m. April 15 5:40 a.m. April 16 5:39 a.m.	③ April 26 5:23 a.m. April 27 5:22 a.m. April 28 5:20 a.m. April 29 5:19 a.m. April 30 5:17 a.m.	⑤ May 10 5:04 a.m. May 11 5:03 a.m. May 12 5:02 a.m. May 13 5:01 a.m. May 14 5:00 a.m.
② April 19 5:34 a.m. April 20 5:32 a.m. April 21 5:31 a.m. April 22 5:29 a.m. April 23 5:28 a.m.	④ May 3 5:13 a.m. May 4 5:12 a.m. May 5 5:11 a.m. May 6 5:09 a.m. May 7 5:08 a.m.	⑥ May 17 4:57 a.m. May 18 4:56 a.m. May 19 4:55 a.m. May 20 4:54 a.m. May 21 4:53 a.m.

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